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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1
Election of officers

1. Under rule 64, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, and in accordance with the cycle of rotation for the election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, the Chair of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget at its seventy-sixth session will be a representative

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of one of the States members on list C. The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members on list B.

Item 2
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The Working Party will be invited to approve the provisional agenda for its seventy-sixth session, as reproduced in chapter I above.

Documentation

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Item 3
Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

3. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (TD/B/WP/290), which deals with activities undertaken in 2017. This report will be submitted both to the Working Party at its seventy-sixth session and to the Trade and Development Board at its next session. The report contains analytical information on the different sources of financing for the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD, the allocation of technical cooperation resources by type of project and by region and an updated overview of the structure and functioning of UNCTAD technical cooperation.

4. Annex I to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled "Review of activities undertaken in 2017" (TD/B/WP/290/Add.1), provides a review of the technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2017 under various projects and programmes. It contains background information on the activities, as well as information on their impact and results.

5. Annex II to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled "Statistical tables" (TD/B/WP/290/Add.2), provides data on financial contributions, project expenditures and the distribution of expenditures among different regions and programmes. It also provides a list of the projects being implemented in 2018.

6. Under this agenda item, and in accordance with the relevant paragraphs on technical cooperation in the Nairobi Maafikiano and in Trade and Development Board Decision 533 (LXIV), beneficiaries, donors and the secretariat will also have an opportunity to interact and consult on all issues regarding UNCTAD technical cooperation activities.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/290	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing
TD/B/WP/290/Add.1	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2017 (English only)
TD/B/WP/290/Add.2	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex II: Statistical tables (English only)

Item 4
Evaluation of UNCTAD activities

(a) Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview

7. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD entitled "Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview" (TD/B/WP/291), which presents findings from evaluations conducted between April 2017 and April 2018. The report contains the main messages and recommendations from each evaluation, which may be helpful in informing the assessment, design and future implementation of UNCTAD projects and programmes. The report also highlights lessons learned, addressed specifically to management and programme managers, in planning and implementing projects and programmes. Upon completion of the first cycle of subprogramme evaluations in 2018, the secretariat proposes to present to the Working Party, for its consideration at its next session in September 2019, a review of evaluation findings from the five subprogramme evaluations conducted to date and an update on the status of the implementation of recommendations from the five evaluations.

(b) External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 5: Africa, least developed countries and special programmes

8. At its sixty-second session, the Trade and Development Board took note of the report of the Working Party at its seventy-first session, as contained in document TD/B/WP/275, and endorsed the agreed conclusions therein. The agreed conclusions included a request to the UNCTAD secretariat to conduct an independent evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 5 on Africa, least developed countries and special programmes, which the Working Party would consider at its seventy-sixth session, in the context of its consideration of an annual external evaluation of an UNCTAD programme under the agenda item on evaluation. The evaluation report will be prepared by an independent evaluation team, who will present their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Working Party for its consideration.

(c) Follow-up on evaluations: Progress report on the implementation of recommendations from the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 4: Technology and logistics

9. At its seventy-fifth session, the Working Party considered the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 4: Technology and logistics. The evaluation report, together with the management response from UNCTAD, formed the basis for discussions by member States. The secretariat will provide an update on the implementation of recommendations from the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 4: Technology and logistics.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/291	Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview
TD/B/WP/292	External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 5: Africa, least developed countries and special programmes
TD/B/WP(76)/CRP.1	Management response to the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 5: Africa, least developed countries and special programmes
TD/B/WP(76)/CRP.2	External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 5: Africa, least developed countries and special programmes – Supporting materials
TD/B/WP/287	External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 4: Technology and logistics
TD/B/WP(75)/CRP.1	Management response to the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 4: Technology and logistics

Item 5
Provisional agenda for the seventy-seventh session of the Working Party

10. In the course of the session, the secretariat will submit a draft provisional agenda for the next session of the Working Party.

Item 6
Other business

Item 7
Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

11. The report of the seventy-sixth session of the Working Party will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.